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In re Application of RUSSWURM S.

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For: **METHOD FOR THE IDENTIFICATION OF SEPSIS**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, entry of the following amendment is respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the list of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments being on page 7 of this paper.